

1 BEFORE THE
2 ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3 IN THE MATTER OF:)
4 6830-32 PAXTON CONDOMINIUM)
5 vs) No. 06-0570
6 THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND) (Prehearing
7 COKE COMPANY) Conference)
8)
9 Complaint as to billings and/or)
10 charges in Chicago, Illinois)
11)
12 Chicago, Illinois
13 October 23, 2006
14 Met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m.
15 BEFORE:
16 MR. JOHN RILEY, Administrative Law Judge.
17 APPEARANCES:
18 MS. MYRTLE WILLIAMS,
19 6830 South Paxton,
20 Chicago, Illinois 60649,
21 appeared pro se;
22 MR. MARK L. GOLDSTEIN,
 108 Wilmot Road,
 Deerfield, Illinois 60015,
 appeared for Respondent.
SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
Teresann B. Giorgi, CSR

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1 JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the direction of
2 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
3 Docket 06-0570. This is a complaint by
4 6830-32 Paxton Condominium versus Peoples Gas Light
5 and Coke Company as to billings and/or charges in
6 Chicago, Illinois.

7 Ms. Williams, you are here on behalf
8 of the condominium association?

9 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

10 JUDGE RILEY: Is that a corporation?

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

12 JUDGE RILEY: That is incorporated in Illinois?

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

14 JUDGE RILEY: What is your position with the
15 association?

16 MS. WILLIAMS: The president.

17 JUDGE RILEY: You are the president of the
18 association.

19 It is a law in Illinois that
20 corporations have to be represented by attorneys.
21 So, I can accept your representation for today,
22 but --

1 MS. WILLIAMS: So, I have to get an attorney?

2 JUDGE RILEY: Yes. Corporations have to in
3 Illinois.

4 Would you state your name and your
5 address for the record, please.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Myrtle Williams, 6830 South
7 Paxton, Chicago, Illinois 60649.

8 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you.

9 And on behalf of Peoples Gas?

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. Mark L. Goldstein,
11 108 Wilmot Road, Suite 330, Deerfield, Illinois
12 60015. My telephone number is 847-580-5480. And I
13 have with me today Kay Staley of Peoples Gas.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you.

15 And with regard to the complaint
16 itself, it seems to me from what you've written
17 here -- is this in your handwriting?

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

19 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. You prepared this.

20 So, essentially, there was just months
21 and months of estimated readings that resulted in
22 very large bills. And you are alleging there were

1 no actual readings.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: That's what they allege, but
3 Peoples Energy has been coming out with our key. I
4 sent them a key twice. And they've been coming into
5 the building with a key. And this is why we can't
6 understand why we get all of these estimated
7 readings.

8 JUDGE RILEY: In other words, these are still
9 estimated readings even though they're coming out to
10 visit and take a look at the actual meter.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Now, since June I have been
12 calling in my readings. And there's one instance
13 here -- two instances here that they didn't even
14 take the actual readings, you know, on our bill, the
15 bill for August and the bill for July.

16 JUDGE RILEY: That's this year?

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Uh-hum.

18 JUDGE RILEY: And, yet, are you alleging that
19 they actually visited the -- that they actually came
20 out on those dates?

21 MS. WILLIAMS: No. I called the readings in. I
22 called the readings in on those dates and they

1 didn't use the figures.

2 JUDGE RILEY: And they didn't use the numbers --

3 I'm sorry?

4 MS. WILLIAMS: They didn't use the reading

5 figures. You know, you have to go down to read the

6 meter --

7 JUDGE RILEY: Right.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: -- and they didn't use the

9 reading that I had called in.

10 JUDGE RILEY: They just went with their own

11 estimates, again.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: So, they went with the estimated

13 figure, again.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Do you have those bills with

15 you, Ms. Williams?

16 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Can I see them?

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Sure (indicating).

19 I'm speaking of the bill dated

20 August 14th and the bill dated July 13th. I have

21 them in order. The most current one is on top.

22 JUDGE RILEY: And these are the ones you say

1 you called in the readings and you still got
2 estimated -- you were billed based on an estimated
3 reading even though. Okay.

4 MS. WILLIAMS: Right.

5 MS. STALEY: This is an actual reading
6 (indicating).

7 MS. WILLIAMS: I said -- see, I want you to look
8 at -- see, look at the date up here. This is the
9 October bill. So, go to the August bill --
10 August 14th and July 13th.

11 MS. STALEY: The August 7th was billed to a
12 current customer reading.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Are you looking at the right --
14 let me pull the bills you should be looking at, the
15 ones I'm talking about.

16 This is August 14th, one of them, and
17 the one from July 13th (indicating).

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Looking at the August 14th, '06
19 bill --

20 MS. WILLIAMS: The reading that was taken was
21 793. The reading in July that was taken, July 7th,
22 was 79244.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: And the reading taken

3 August 7th was 79385.

4 MS. STALEY: Which is what you were billed to.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Which is what you called in as

6 your reading?

7 MS. WILLIAMS: 79385. They have a reading of

8 79244.

9 MS. STALEY: Here we have 79385.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: You have 79385? And do you have

11 79 -- for July, 79244 on there?

12 MS. STALEY: 79258, which is 14 feet difference.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: That's an estimated reading on

14 there.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But, it's only 14 cubic feet --

16 or therms difference.

17 MS. WILLIAMS: But, it's still not the reading I

18 called in. You know what I'm saying -- talking

19 about?

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But, ultimately --

21 MS. STALEY: When did you call that reading?

22 What date, do you remember?

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. I call all of my readings
2 in on the 7th.

3 MS. STALEY: Okay. Because this is estimated on
4 the 11th. So, it may have been too soon.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: No. I called it in before it
6 was -- the 7th is before the 11th. Do you
7 understand what I'm saying?

8 MS. STALEY: But, they may have estimated it
9 from the 7th to the 11th. They may have used your
10 reading -- the reading may have come in too soon is
11 what I'm trying to say.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: They used all the others that I
13 called in, on the 7th.

14 JUDGE RILEY: When you say you called these in,
15 are these pursuant to their instruction -- to
16 Peoples Gas' instructions?

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah. You can call in -- they
18 told me that you can call the readings in until
19 December.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: There's a four day difference
21 between the date that she called in her reading and
22 the four days subsequent. And, so, when the company

1 made the -- when they put in the reading, they added
2 14 therms for those four days.

3 JUDGE RILEY: Right. I understand that.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: So, you know --

5 MS. STALEY: That's the possibility of what
6 happened there.

7 JUDGE RILEY: Well, why would they do that?

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Why would they do that?
9 They didn't do it on the others.

10 MS. STALEY: See, we may not have. That's just
11 one scenario. The other scenario may be the reading
12 that was entered was too high or too low and the
13 system rejected it and didn't want to use it for
14 billing. I don't have a copy of --

15 JUDGE RILEY: I don't understand that at all.

16 If Ms. Williams reads a meter, takes
17 the actual numbers off that meter and calls them
18 into Peoples Gas, can Peoples say that they don't
19 like that reading because it's too high or too low?
20 It seems to me that's what you just said.

21 MS. STALEY: The system will reject it if it's
22 too high or too low. It won't automatically --

1 JUDGE RILEY: How can it be too high or too low
2 if those are the -- if that's the actual reading?

3 MS. STALEY: Maybe wrong numbers were pushed
4 into the system when she's entering it, maybe
5 somebody entered the wrong --

6 MS. WILLIAMS: No, no. No, no. No, no. I
7 talked to actual people and I have these people's
8 names.

9 JUDGE RILEY: And you give the readings to an
10 actual person?

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Sure.

12 JUDGE RILEY: So, it's just not a question of
13 hitting buttons on your telephone.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But the bottomline of it all is,
15 no matter how you want to cut this whole situation,
16 whether there was, you know, a 14 therm difference
17 in the read that you sent in and what you were
18 actually billed.

19 Ultimately, there's an actual reading
20 taken of the meter, okay? And that all gets
21 corrected out with an actual read.

22 Do you understand that?

1 MS. WILLIAMS: No, I don't.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, if, for example, in

3 September, okay, there's an actual reading taken of

4 the meter --

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- and you're billed to the

7 actual meter reading, then, whatever the estimates

8 are it doesn't matter because the meter that you

9 have reads progressively, it doesn't go backwards or

10 stay the same, it goes forward, as you know.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And so, the bottomline of it all

13 is, once there's an actual reading taken, then,

14 everything gets corrected out no matter what the

15 estimates are and you're billed accordingly.

16 MS. WILLIAMS: That's my question -- I mean --

17 MS. STALEY: Do you have the bill that was

18 issued prior to July?

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, June bill (indicating).

20 MS. STALEY: Can I have the next one, the July

21 one, the one that was issued in July?

22 MS. WILLIAMS: I have two Julys, July 13th. I

1 have two copies.

2 MS. STALEY: On July 7th you would have called a
3 reading on 79244 you said, right?

4 MS. WILLIAMS: 79244.

5 MS. STALEY: And we billed you to July 11th for
6 79258.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: Exactly.

8 MS. STALEY: 14 cubic of gas for four more days
9 of service. I don't know what happened to your
10 reading taken July 7th. There's different things
11 that could have happened. Maybe the representative
12 didn't hit the enter button. Maybe they didn't put
13 the numbers in right and it didn't pass high/low
14 review.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: You know, we verified it.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But, the question is, as far as
17 I'm concerned, Ms. Williams, and you know I'm just
18 looking at it as an attorney, who doesn't work for
19 the company directly, just paid as an outside
20 attorney, what was the harm if there's a 14 therm
21 difference in your reading versus what you were
22 billed, if, ultimately, it gets corrected by an

1 actual reading?

2 MS. STALEY: Which it did. The next bill --

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's like, no harm, now foul.

4 JUDGE RILEY: Just one person speak at time.

5 Let's your counsel talk.

6 MS. STALEY: I'm sorry.

7 JUDGE RILEY: I have a question.

8 When you call these readings in, it's

9 pursuant to directions given to you by Peoples Gas.

10 Do they tell you what particular day of the month to

11 do that?

12 MS. WILLIAMS: They said call it in before the

13 9th.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Before the 9th.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah.

16 JUDGE RILEY: So, you call it in anytime that

17 month before the 9th.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: I always call it in on the 7th.

19 Yeah.

20 So, I called it in two days before the

21 9th.

22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Now, the other question I had

1 was --

2 JUDGE RILEY: Are we off the record?

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. We're off the record.

4 JUDGE RILEY: We can go off the record for a
5 second.

6 (Whereupon, a discussion
7 was had off the record.)

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Do you have any questions,
9 Judge?

10 JUDGE RILEY: Not right off-hand.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Maybe we should talk to
12 Ms. Williams and see what we can do to try to
13 resolve this.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

15 Would you be amenable to that?

16 MS. WILLIAMS: Sure. Let's see how we can
17 handle this.

18 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. We'll go off the record,
19 again.

20 (Whereupon, a short
21 recess was taken.)

22 JUDGE RILEY: Back on the record.

1 We've had a lengthy recess for all the
2 parties to try and kind of hash this out.

3 What can the parties advise me?

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We did make an offer to settle
5 the matter to Ms. Williams. She rejected the offer.
6 We thought the offer was fair. She does not. She
7 wants to know what happened to all of the actual
8 readings that she called in every month --

9 MS. WILLIAMS: No, not that I called in, that
10 the man came into the building to take -- he came
11 into the building with a key --

12 JUDGE RILEY: Well, this is one place where I'm
13 confused. You said that at certain points you did
14 call in certain readings?

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Before this -- I called
16 this information -- this complaint into Illinois
17 Commerce Commission, before this happened, which was
18 back in May, previous to May Peoples Energy man,
19 whatever you call them, we sent two keys to them.
20 My husband has been letting their meter reader come
21 into the building with the key. We have to buzz
22 them into the front door and he enters the basement

1 with the key --

2 JUDGE RILEY: Right.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: -- and he comes in and takes the
4 readings.

5 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: My question to these people, to
7 the attorney and this young lady is that where are
8 those readings? We should never have been billed
9 for estimated charges because their people -- they
10 have been coming into the building with a key that
11 we sent to them.

12 JUDGE RILEY: And this is going back how far
13 now?

14 MS. WILLIAMS: All the way back to 2004.

15 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

16 Now, this individual has been coming
17 in and --

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, there's various ones. You
19 know, it's not always the same person.

20 JUDGE RILEY: No, I understand.

21 But, an individual from Peoples Gas
22 comes out and has access to that basement door --

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

2 JUDGE RILEY: -- to read the meters.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

4 JUDGE RILEY: At what point did you start
5 calling in those readings to Peoples Gas?

6 MS. WILLIAMS: When we got this bill for 2000 --
7 29 -- which was back in May.

8 Here it is right now (indicating).

9 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Our management company called us
11 and said, Do you know that Peoples Energy have back
12 billed you all from 2004, for \$2900? I said, I
13 can't believe it. I said, Why? Their people have
14 been coming into the building with the key.

15 JUDGE RILEY: Now, is it your contention that
16 the individual who has been -- whoever these
17 individuals are that have been actually reading the
18 meters --

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

20 JUDGE RILEY: -- is it Peoples Gas still sending
21 you estimated -- bills based upon estimated readings
22 even after they came in to read the meter?

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Not since I've been -- you see,
2 I've been calling in the readings since May, as
3 of -- when she called me about -- the first reading
4 that I called in was June 30th. We got the back
5 charges -- we were back billed on the May bill. So,
6 as of June 30th I started calling in the reading.

7 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: But, before then there was no
9 need to call them in because the man had the key and
10 was coming in.

11 JUDGE RILEY: And you were being billed based on
12 actual readings.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, that's where -- that may
15 not be correct. The bills that they were getting
16 were estimated readings. And Ms. Williams' question
17 to us was, if someone was coming in the building
18 with the key to read the meter, why weren't there
19 actual readings taken when all the bills were
20 estimated. And we acknowledge that from November of
21 2004 -- there was an actual reading taken in
22 November of 2004 and an actual reading taken in May

1 of 2006. All the bills between those two periods of
2 time -- two dates --

3 JUDGE RILEY: Right.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- were estimated.

5 And her question is, if --

6 MS. WILLIAMS: And they should not have been.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- the Gas Company had a key,
8 why were there estimated readings, and why should we
9 then end up paying a balloon bill because the
10 estimates are to lack any bill to -- from one actual
11 read to the next actual read and whatever the
12 difference is less the payments and everything is
13 what they owe? That's where the issue lies.

14 So, on that basis, we offered, what I
15 thought was a fair settlement. It's not acceptable
16 to Ms. Williams. We have to go to trial.

17 JUDGE RILEY: Ms. Williams, did you actually
18 meet or see any of the individuals that came in to
19 do those actual readings?

20 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. My husband let them in.

21 JUDGE RILEY: He let them in.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. My husband did.

1 JUDGE RILEY: And you, actually, saw these
2 people?

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Well --

4 JUDGE RILEY: It was Peoples Gas --

5 MS. WILLIAMS: -- I work -- some days I work.

6 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: But, my husband is the one that
8 made contact, that let these people in.

9 JUDGE RILEY: All right.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: And buzzed them in and let them
11 come into the building with the key.

12 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We have no -- nothing that we
14 have with us today tells us whether there was, you
15 know, an actual reading taken. We only show
16 estimated readings. The bills only show estimated
17 readings. And so, we're at an impasse and we just
18 have to go to trial on this.

19 JUDGE RILEY: I'm afraid that's where we are.
20 The settlement has been rejected, is
21 that correct.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Exactly.

1 What I don't understand, you know,
2 they have those -- you have those two readings,
3 November and whatever the other date was, you have
4 those readings. But, why is that they don't have
5 the readings in-between? I don't understand.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't have an answer for that
7 question.

8 JUDGE RILEY: That's something we're going to
9 have to find out about at hearing.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't know what we can try to
11 do to investigate that. Ms. Staley is going to have
12 to try to investigate that. Try to figure out why,
13 if there was an actual reading taken, why it doesn't
14 show up on your billing history.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: And, then, these two -- why were
16 they -- the July bill and August -- and the bill for
17 August, why were they using estimated readings when
18 I called them in?

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well --

20 MS. WILLIAMS: What's the answer?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't think that the
22 differential there is meaningful.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: But, what is why? Why was that
2 done?

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The difference between the date
4 that you called it in and the date of --

5 MS. WILLIAMS: But, why -- what's going on?

6 JUDGE RILEY: Excuse me. Excuse me. People
7 we're on the record and the court reporter can't get
8 any of this.

9 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.

10 JUDGE RILEY: Ms. Williams, I understand what
11 your questions are. Peoples does not have an answer
12 for you right now. This is what we're going to have
13 to go to hearing on. And that's what I'm going to
14 have to get evidence on, to find out why these were
15 estimated as opposed to actual -- the billings were
16 based on estimated as opposed to the actual numbers
17 you called in. This is what we're going to have to
18 find out at hearing.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think I can safely make this
20 statement for the record, though, Judge, that it
21 really doesn't make any difference, as long as the
22 billing for the account is accurate.

1 JUDGE RILEY: Well --

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's our position.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: The billing for the account is

4 not accurate.

5 JUDGE RILEY: I understand. This is where the

6 impasse is. This is what we're going to have to

7 resolve at hearing.

8 We're at October 23rd right now, and I

9 suggest, at least, 30 days to make sure calendars

10 are clear.

11 Do we want to do this after

12 thanksgiving?

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Please.

14 JUDGE RILEY: I agree.

15 Look at November 29th?

16 MS. WILLIAMS: What day of the week is that?

17 JUDGE RILEY: That's a Tuesday.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have a status hearing in the

19 afternoon of the 28th at 1:00 with Judge Sainsot.

20 But, other than that, I have no problem with the

21 date.

22 JUDGE RILEY: Do you think this thing is going

1 to take more than three hours?

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. I don't even know what kind
3 of witness we're going to have.

4 JUDGE RILEY: What about the 27th, that's a
5 Monday?

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Monday, the 27th is okay.

7 JUDGE RILEY: Do you have anything up on Monday?

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. The 27th is fine.

9 JUDGE RILEY: All right.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: At what time? At 10:00? Does it
11 matter?

12 JUDGE RILEY: 10:00 a.m., right.

13 Ms. Williams, I know it's harsh, but
14 the rule with regard to an attorney would still
15 apply. I strongly urge you to contact the attorney
16 for your association, you mentioned there is such an
17 individual, and either he could file the appearance
18 with us, or he would know someone.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Now, what is the procedure after
20 we get the attorney? What do they have to do?

21 JUDGE RILEY: The attorney would, what we call,
22 file an appearance, which he'll know what that

1 means.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: To whom?

3 JUDGE RILEY: To the Clerk of the Illinois
4 Commerce Commission. The same place where you filed
5 the complaint. It would be that same office. 527
6 East Capitol Street.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, to the Illinois Commerce
8 Commission.

9 JUDGE RILEY: Right.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: If and when the association does
11 hire an attorney, if that attorney would call me and
12 I'd be glad to help him file the appearance --

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, I'm sure he would know.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Right.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: If he's an attorney, wouldn't he
16 know?

17 JUDGE RILEY: Most likely, yeah, he would want
18 to know who his opposing counsel was.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: But, you said have him call you
20 just to see what the procedure is?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, can you tell me what the

1 procedure is?

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'd be glad to explain it to
3 him. I'm not going to go through it now.

4 MS. WILLIAMS: Can I call you --

5 JUDGE RILEY: What it amounts to, Ms. Williams,
6 is that you, as the complainant would proceed --
7 Paxton Condominiums would proceed first with their
8 evidence, whatever documentary evidence or testimony
9 you think would be helpful to your case. And,
10 again, an attorney would know exactly what evidence
11 would be relevant and helpful.

12 But, as far as witnesses are
13 concerned, it's going to be just like the trials
14 you've seen on television where there's a direct
15 examination, which would be your attorney and
16 whoever the witnesses. Then, Mr. Goldstein would be
17 entitled to cross-examination of the witness. And
18 then there'd be a redirect examination and a recross
19 examination and that would apply for all witnesses
20 on both sides. But you would go first -- Paxton
21 Condominiums would proceed first, having the burden
22 of proof.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: So, can I call you and get the
2 information?

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure. Give me a call.

4 JUDGE RILEY: Was there anything further we
5 needed to cover?

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have nothing else, Judge.

7 JUDGE RILEY: Then, there being no other matters
8 to discuss today, we are continued from today's date
9 to November 27th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. for hearing.
10 And the Office of the Chief Clerk will send out a
11 written notice to all the parties to remind them of
12 the hearing date.

13 Thank you very much.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
17 matter was continued to
18 November 27, 2006.)

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